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FORCE (TF-8)

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1. ALTHOUGH WE ARE AWARE OF THE NEED TO PROVIDE US INPUTS
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WE WISH TO TAKE UP WASHINGTON'S INVI-
TATION TO COMMENT ON TF-8 CABLE AND TO PROPOSE AN ADDITION
TO THE TEXT WHICH WE BELIEVE WARRANTS WASHINGTON'S CONSI-
DERATION BEFORE THE TEXT IS PASSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF TF-8.
IN ADDITION, THE USDELMC DESIRES MORE TIME TO EVALUATE REF
A.

2. WE PROPOSE TO ADD A NEW SUBPARA 16C AS FOLLOWS (WE
WOULD RENUMBER OLD PARA 16C AS 16D):

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- C. WE MAY HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS ON TRAINING/
EDUCATION FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATO
COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE, DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN THE
FOUNDATIONS ON WHICH MAS AND NATO CAN EXPAND EXPERTISE IN
THE HARMONIZATION OF DOCTRINE, OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS, AND
TACTICS.

3. IN REF B, WE INDICATED THAT THE LTDP PRODUCT IN THE SPRING COULD REACH BEYOND THE SPECIFIC PROGRAMMATIC PROPOSALS THAT CAN BE DEVELOPED BETWEEN NOW AND THEN. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MINISTERS AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT CONFRONTED WITH THE NEED TO ESTABLISH GOALS. ONE OF THE GOALS WE PROPOSED WAS ESTABLISHING NATO COMMAND AND STAFF LEVEL COURSES TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING OF DOCTRINAL DIFFERENCES AND PERHAPS FACILITATE ACCEPTANCE OF COMMON DOCTRINE. FURTHER, WHILE THE PRESENT PROPOSAL CONCERNING THE MAS HAS MERIT AS IT STANDS, WE BELIEVE THAT, FOR THE SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE, THE PUBLIC IMPACT OF FORECASTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATO COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE WOULD BE CONSIDERABLE.

4. WE BELIEVE OUR SUGGESTED WORDING FOR NEW SUBPARA 16C PROVIDES A POSSIBLE ENTREE TO INTRODUCE AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME THE NOTION OF A NATO COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW OF REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE TEXT OF REF A TO THE CHAIRMAN OF TF-8, REQUEST WASHINGTON'S VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED WORDING IN PARA 2 ABOVE BY OOB BRUSSELS TIME 12 JANUARY 1978. GLITMAN

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